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MY FLAME IS
DYING OUT!! ONLY
ENOUGH LEFT TO BURN
THRU ONE SECTION OF
MIRROR...AND IF I
CHOOSE THE *WRONG*
ONE, I'M DONE FOR!

ARE THE
FLAMING POWERS OF
THE HUMAN TORCH
STRONG ENOUGH TO DEFEAT BOTH
The WIZARD
AND
PASTE-POT PETE
???

THIS *MIRROR PRISON*
WAS A GREAT IDEA OF
YOURS, WIZARD! THE
TORCH WILL *NEVER*
GET FREE!

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IF HE *DOES*,
PETE, YOU'LL
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The HUMAN TORCH vs.

The WIZARD and

PASTE-POT PETE!

HA! HA! WHERE ARE WE, TORCH? YOU CAN'T TELL, CAN YOU? I'M GOING TO NAIL YOU DOWN WITH FLAME-PROOF PASTE, AND THEN...

I'M TRAPPED!! AND MY FLAME IS GETTING WEAK! IF I DON'T FIND A WAY OUT FAST-- IT'LL BE THE END OF THE TORCH... AND OF A TEEN-AGER NAMED JOHNNY STORM!!

...THEN I, THE WIZARD, AM GOING TO DESTROY YOU WITH A SPECIAL FIRE-EXTINGUISHING FLAME THAT EVAPORATES OXYGEN! WITHOUT OXYGEN, YOUR FLAME CAN'T LIVE-- AND NEITHER CAN YOU!

WARNING!! IF YOU HAVE A WEAK HEART, DON'T READ THIS STORY! FOR WHEN THE HUMAN TORCH PITS HIS FIERY WEAPONS AGAINST THAT EVIL GENIUS OF CRIME, THE WIZARD, AND HIS NEW PARTNER, PASTE-POT PETE, IN A TITANIC STRUGGLE, DEFEAT MEANS DEATH FOR THE TORCH!! THERE ARE NO HOLDS BARRED, SO HOLD YOUR BREATH-- FOR HERE WE GO!!...

PLOT: STAN LEE
ART: DICK AYERS

SCRIPT: H.E. HUNTLEY
LETTERER: JOHN DUFFY

IN THE BACKYARD OF HIS HOUSE, TEEN-AGER JOHNNY STORM BEGINS EXERCISES TO KEEP HIMSELF IN TRIM...

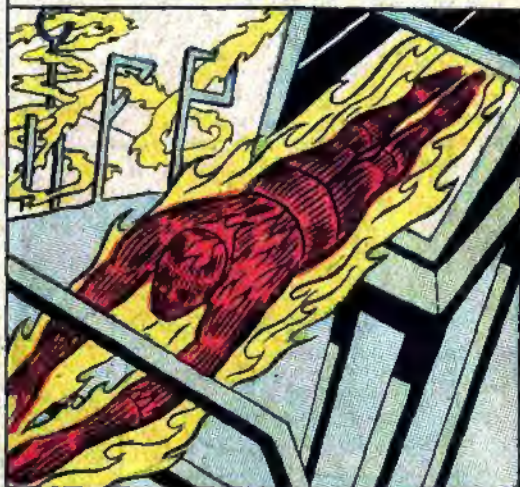
FLAME ON!



FOR, LIKE ANY ATHLETE, THE HUMAN TORCH MUST KEEP HIS BODY AGILE AND HIS TIMING PERFECT!



IN FACT, THE TORCH MUST DO MANY THINGS NO OTHER ATHLETE NEED DO, FOR THE CHALLENGES HE FACES ARE DEADLY ONES!



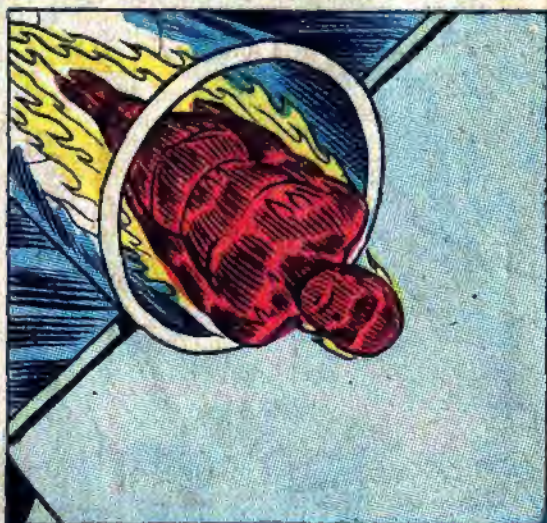
LET'S SEE HOW GOOD MY AIM IS!

I'LL THROW A FEW FIRE-BALLS!

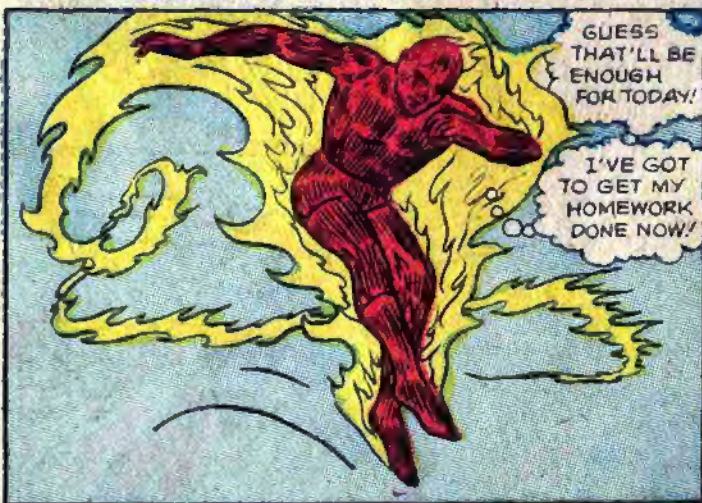


HMM... NOT A BAD OUT-CURVE!

YES... AN ATHLETE CAN BE DEFEATED IN A CONTEST AND KNOW ONLY A LOSS OF PRESTIGE...



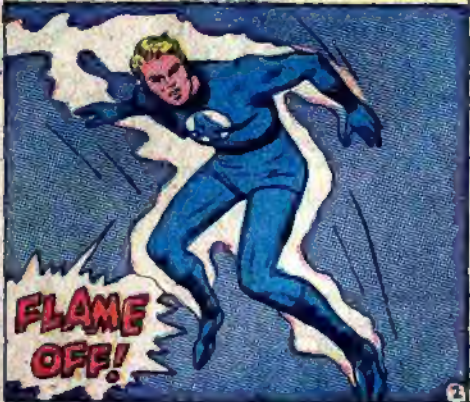
BUT IF THE TORCH IS DEFEATED, IT CAN MEAN NOT ONLY A LOSS OF PRESTIGE, BUT THE LOSS OF LIFE ITSELF!



GUESS THAT'LL BE ENOUGH FOR TODAY!

I'VE GOT TO GET MY HOMEWORK DONE NOW!

AT THIS MOMENT, LITTLE DOES THE TORCH SUSPECT THAT HE IS SOON TO FACE SUCH A CONTEST WITH TWO ALMOST UNBEATABLE CRIMINALS WHO, TOGETHER, ARE THE MOST DANGEROUS COMBINATION HE HAS EVER BATTLED!



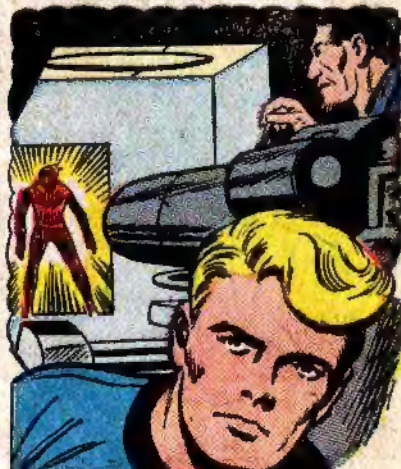
FLAME OFF!



HIS MIND, WANDERING FROM HIS BOOKS LIKE ANY TEEN-AGER, JOHNNY FINALLY GIVES UP AND REACHES FOR HIS SCRAP-BOOK...

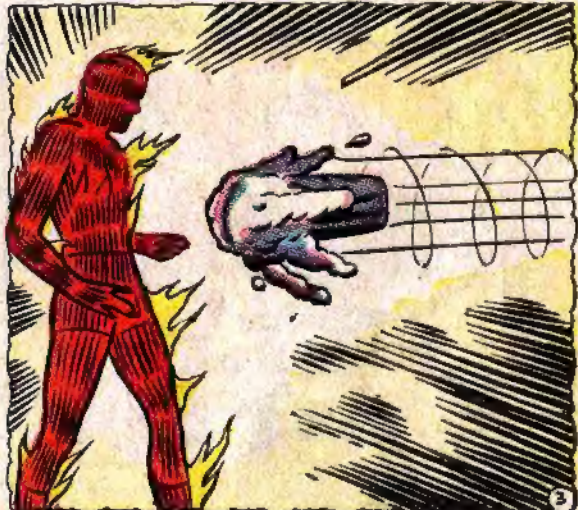
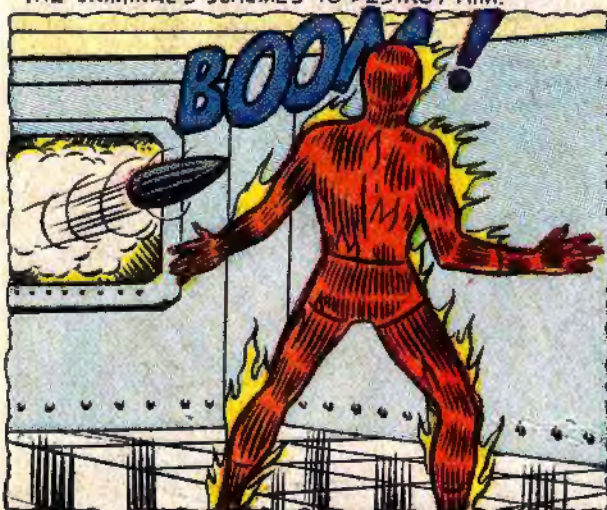


THE PAST FLASHES THROUGH JOHNNY'S MIND AS HE REMEMBERS THAT TIME OF TRIAL, WHEN HE FACED THE MIGHTY **WIZARD**...



INSIDE THE **WIZARD'S** INFERNAL HOUSE OF WEAPONS, **THE TORCH** FACED THE FIRST OF THE CRIMINAL'S SCHEMES TO DESTROY HIM!

BUT THE FIERY CRIME FIGHTER USED HIS FLAME AS A SHIELD, MELTING THE SHELL JUST IN TIME...



AGAIN THE WIZARD STRUCK...



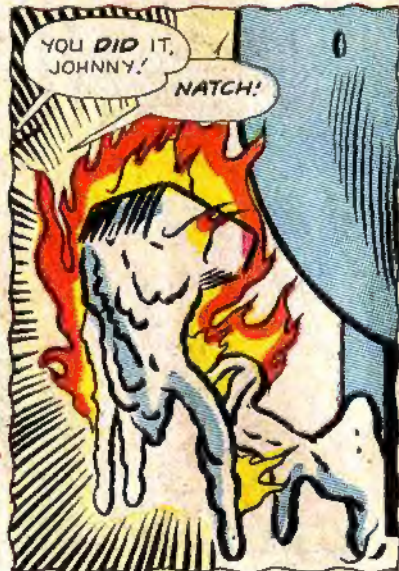
BUT AGAIN, IN THE RED-HOT FURY OF TORCH'S PLAME, HIS FOE'S WEAPON WAS HARMLESS...



BUT THE WILY WIZARD WAS NOT YET THROUGH! HE PLAYED HIS TRUMP CARD...



...TRAPPING THE TORCH IN A CELL WITH HIS SISTER, THE INVISIBLE GIRL!



THUS, IN THE END, THE TORCH WAS THE VICTOR, AND THE WIZARD THE VANQUISHED...



YES, JOHNNY REMEMBERS! HOW COULD HE EVER FORGET THE ARCH-CRIMINAL WITH THE SUPER-WEAPON WHO ALMOST ENDED HIS LIFE?...



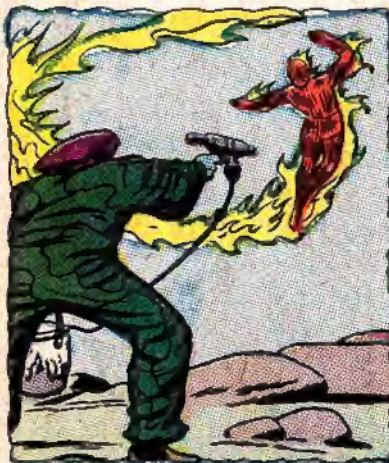
TIED TO A MIGHTY MISSILE BY PETE'S DEADLY PASTE AND SHOT INTO SPACE, THE TORCH COULD NOT FREE HIMSELF WITHOUT EXPLODING THE WARHEAD AND KILLING HIMSELF!



BUT AGAIN, ONE WELL-AIMED FIRE-BALL MELTED THE PASTE, RELEASING THE TORCH FROM ALMOST CERTAIN DOOM!



FIGHTING MAD THEN, THE TORCH PURSUED PASTE-POT PETE AND HURLED A BARRAGE OF FIREBALLS, DESTROYING THE ENEMY'S VEHICLE AND FORCING HIM INTO THE OPEN...



BUT, ALTHOUGH HE SAVED HIMSELF AND FOILED THE CRIMINAL, HE SAW PASTE-POT PETE ESCAPE BEFORE HIS EYES...



AND, AS TEEN-AGER JOHNNY STORM'S MIND PLAYS ON THE PAST, LET'S TAKE NOTE OF THE PRESENT...AND THE MAN HE HAS BEEN THINKING ABOUT-- PASTE-POT PETE...



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SILENT STRANGER

THE fellows in the machine shop didn't pay too much attention to the new man. He was soft-spoken and pleasant, but he kept pretty much to himself and never tried to intrude upon their conversations.

One day before lunch whistle blew, Mike, the foreman, approached the fellows. "I feel a little sorry for the new guy, fellows. He's always left out of things. Why don't you ask him to join you at the lunch table sometimes?"

"I guess we haven't thought too much about that," admitted Tom Carter. "Hank is so quiet we hardly know he's around. He concentrates completely on whatever work he's doing at the bench. Then, afterwards, he just moves off. It isn't that he's unfriendly, mind you. He has a pleasant smile and manner. It's just that most of the time the gang working here isn't even aware of him being around."

Once Tom and the other men began to think about it, they realized that they hadn't tried to encourage Hank's friendship. So that afternoon Tom asked Hank to bring his lunch-box over to their table and join them.

Hank accepted the invitation and carried his lunch box over to the other fellows' table.

"How do you like working here?" asked Mulligan Myers with an encouraging grin.

"I'm picking up quite a few interesting pointers," said Hank politely.

"What do you mean by that?" asked Tom. This was the first time anyone had spoken of

his job at the machine shop in the nature of a schooling rather than just an ordinary job.

"Oh, it's just that this is the first time I've worked on a mechanical job," Hank said quickly.

"The foreman said you're a highly skilled man," said Tom curiously. "How were you able to learn to handle bench work so quickly if you'd never done it before?"

"Oh, it's a simple matter of adjustment," said Hank. "Do you realize that it's just as easy to adjust to a job as it is to walk in space when you have to?"

Hank smiled pleasantly, but the fellows just stared at him.

"It's a special theory of mine," Hank explained. "I'm hoping I can work it out. One thing does encourage me, and that's the initial success I've had here at the machine shop. Of course I need more time to see if my adjustment meter really works."

"What is this adjustment meter?" asked Mulligan, winking slyly at the other fellows and making a sign to them that seemed to suggest that the best thing was to humor Hank.

Hank pulled from his pocket a small metal object that looked like an electric shaver.

"This is it, fellows. The guys I used to work with on D-Asteroid gave it to me as a send-off present before I left."

"What is D-Asteroid?" asked Tom.

"Why that's where I used to live," Hank explained. "Not many people realize that D-Asteroid is much older than the

earth. Our people really had a head start over you. We're well into the electronic age up there, but unfortunately some of the older skills are disappearing. Skills like working with one's hands on machinery. That is a dangerous thing, you see, because we must keep a safety reservoir of skilled labor available for such occupations as . . . well, say, erecting a space station . . . manipulating construction materials. Not everything can be accomplished on an electronic level, can it?"

"Oh, of course not," Mulligan agreed. "Well, this is all very interesting, fellows, but we better get back to work."

Later in the day, the fellows got together to discuss poor Hank.

"He's a nice guy, but no wonder he kept to himself for so long. Soon as he starts talking, people catch on and leave him alone. That guy's strange!"

When they talked over their conversation with the foreman, he looked puzzled.

"I can't understand it," he said. "In every other way Hank seems to know what he's doing. I'll admit that I don't know much about his background. I needed a replacement in a hurry and I tried him out. I hired him immediately. Funny that no one ever noticed anything strange about him before this."

"Well, why don't you ask him about this adjustment gadget of his?" asked Tom. "Believe me, we're not just trying to make up stories. We wouldn't want to hurt the guy, but I wonder if he shouldn't be under a doctor's

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IT'S A CRAVING WHICH KEEPS GROWING INSIDE ME...THIS NEED TO CRUSH THE TORCH!!



BUT HE'S TOO STRONG - AND I CANNOT RISK DEFEAT AGAIN! TO WIN, I NEED HELP! BUT WHO? ... WAIT!!

THE WIZARD! HE ALMOST DEFEATED THE TORCH ONCE! TOGETHER, WE COULD... YES! I MUST FIND THE WIZARD!



BUT THE WIZARD, LABELED INCORRIGIBLE BY POLICE, IS HELD IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT IN CORTAZ PENITENTIARY...

I'LL GET OUT OF HERE AND WHEN I DO, I'LL GET THE TORCH! I'VE HAD PLENTY OF TIME TO PLAN WAYS TO GET MY FINAL REVENGE!



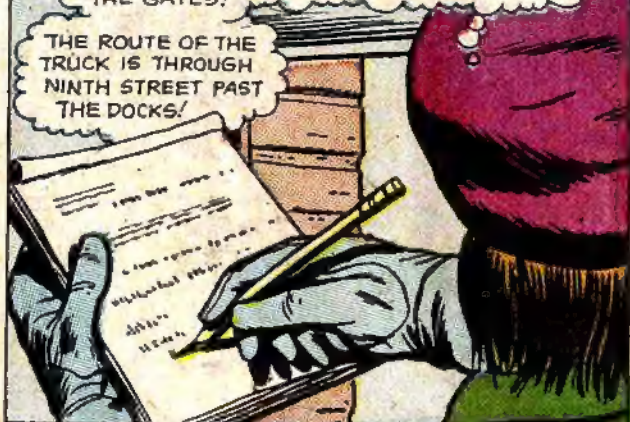
AND, UNKNOWN TO THE WIZARD, AN ALLY IS AT THAT MOMENT MAKING PLANS TO FREE HIM! IN A DESERTED HOUSE, USING BINOCULARS WITH POWERFUL LENSES FASHIONED OF CLEAR PASTE, PASTE-POT PETE SPENDS DAYS WATCHING EVERYTHING AT THE JAIL...



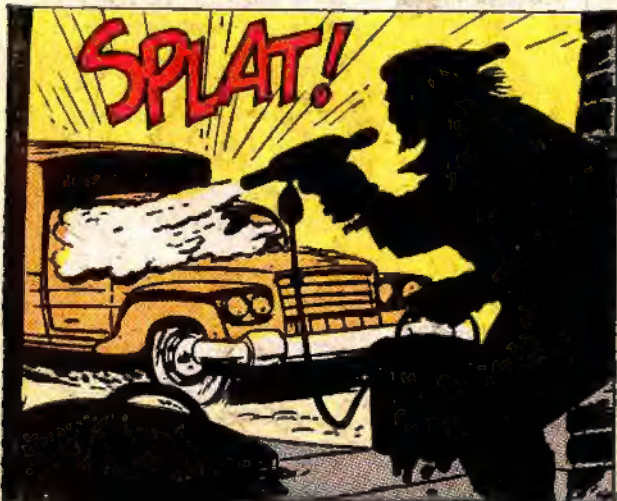
...KEEPING A METICULOUS RECORD OF EACH DAY'S EVENTS!

EVERY THURSDAY AT NOON, WHEN EVERYONE IS AT LUNCH EXCEPT THE WALL GUARDS, A FOOD SUPPLY TRUCK ENTERS THROUGH THE GATES!

THE ROUTE OF THE TRUCK IS THROUGH NINTH STREET PAST THE DOCKS!



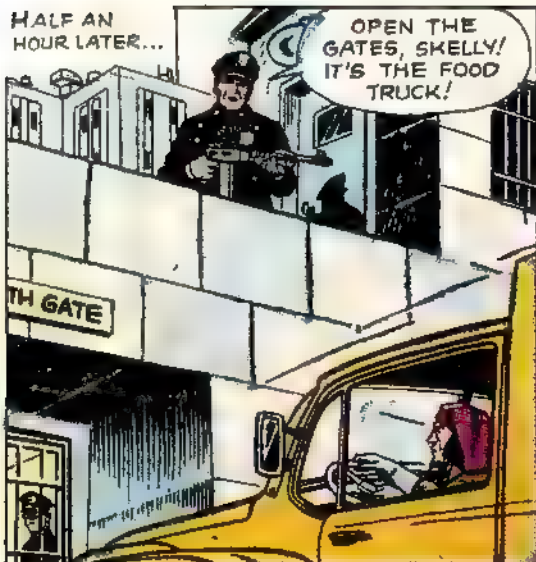
THE FOLLOWING THURSDAY, AS THE PENITENTIARY FOOD SUPPLY TRUCK LUMBERS THROUGH THE WAREHOUSE DISTRICT PAST NINTH STREET...



A PASTE GAG'LL SHUT YOUR MOUTH AND PASTE ROPES'LL HOLD YOU! NOW I'LL BORROW YOUR TRUCK, AND THE GUARDS'LL WELCOME ME WITH OPEN ARMS!



HALF AN HOUR LATER...

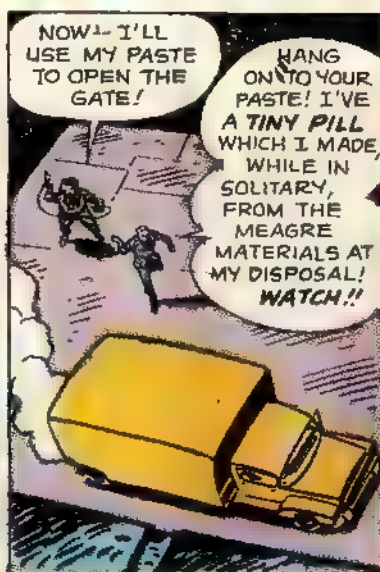


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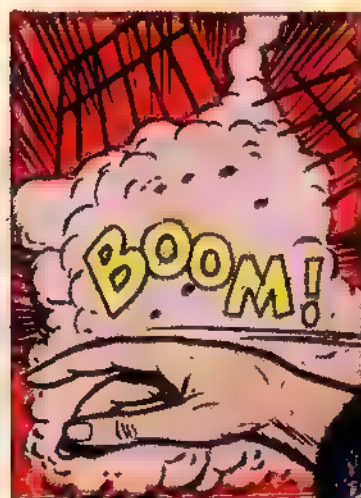
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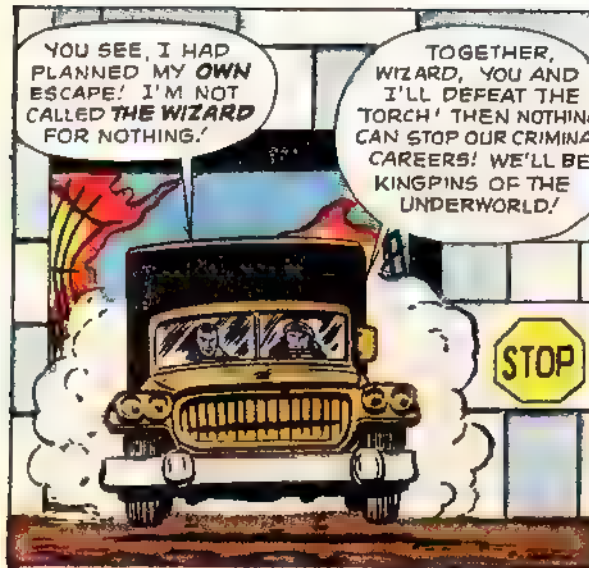


THE GUARDS ON THE WALL TAKEN CARE OF, THE AMAZING MENACE WHIPS DOWN THE CORRIDOR OF THE SOLITARY CONFINEMENT CELL BLOCK...



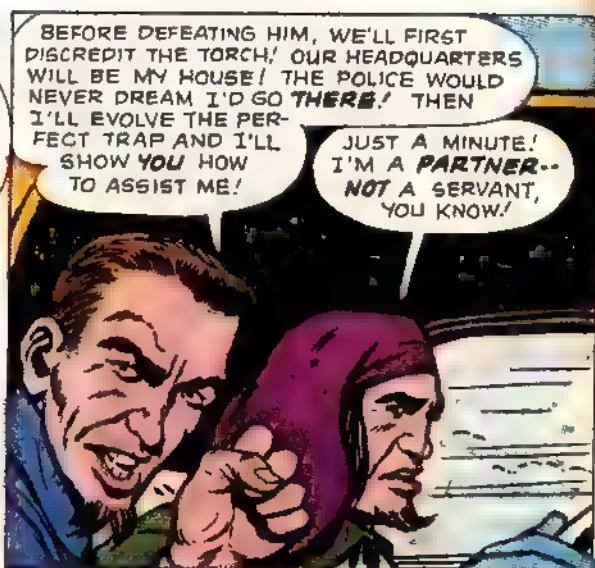
THE WIZARD THROWS THE TINY, HARMLESS-APPEARING OVULE AT THE GATE AND...





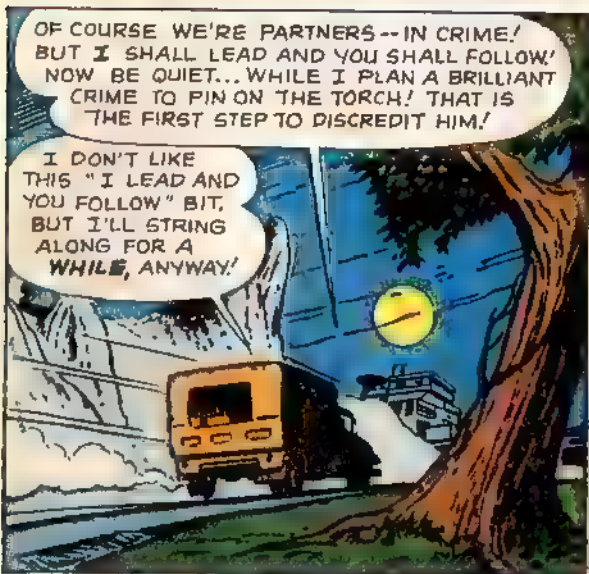
YOU SEE, I HAD PLANNED MY OWN ESCAPE! I'M NOT CALLED **THE WIZARD** FOR NOTHING!

TOGETHER, WIZARD, YOU AND I'LL DEFEAT THE TORCH! THEN NOTHING CAN STOP OUR CRIMINAL CAREERS! WE'LL BE KINGPINS OF THE UNDERWORLD!



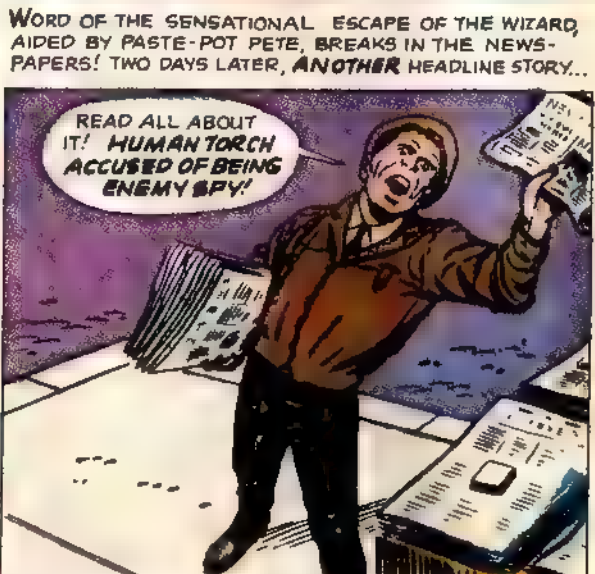
BEFORE DEFEATING HIM, WE'LL FIRST DISCREDIT THE TORCH! OUR HEADQUARTERS WILL BE MY HOUSE! THE POLICE WOULD NEVER DREAM I'D GO **THERE!** THEN I'LL EVOLVE THE PERFECT TRAP AND I'LL SHOW YOU HOW TO ASSIST ME!

JUST A MINUTE! I'M A **PARTNER--** NOT A SERVANT, YOU KNOW!

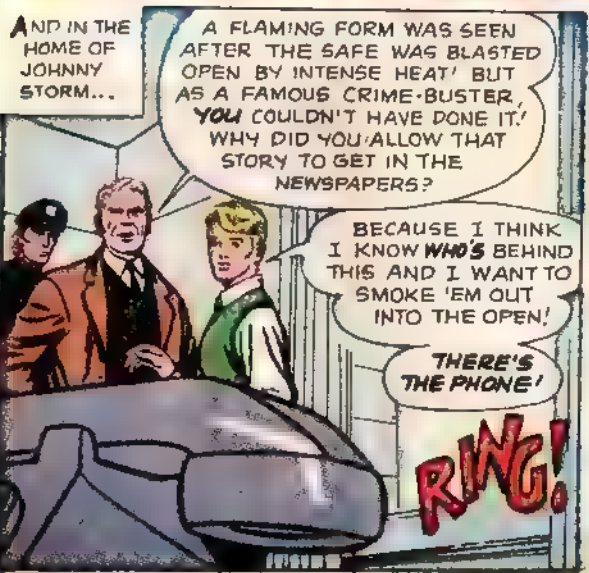


OF COURSE WE'RE PARTNERS--IN CRIME! BUT I SHALL LEAD AND YOU SHALL FOLLOW! NOW BE QUIET...WHILE I PLAN A BRILLIANT CRIME TO PIN ON THE TORCH! THAT IS THE FIRST STEP TO DISCREDIT HIM!

I DON'T LIKE THIS "I LEAD AND YOU FOLLOW" BIT, BUT I'LL STRING ALONG FOR A WHILE, ANYWAY!



READ ALL ABOUT IT! **HUMAN TORCH ACCUSED OF BEING ENEMY SPY!**



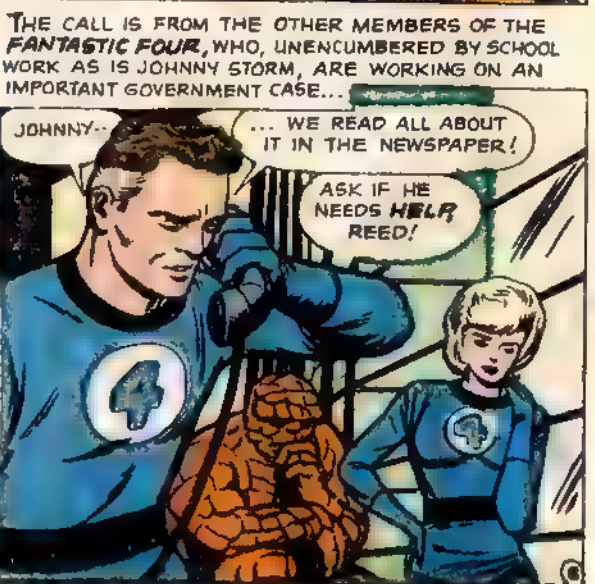
AND IN THE HOME OF JOHNNY STORM...

A FLAMING FORM WAS SEEN AFTER THE SAFE WAS BLASTED OPEN BY INTENSE HEAT! BUT AS A FAMOUS CRIME-BUSTER, YOU COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT! WHY DID YOU ALLOW THAT STORY TO GET IN THE NEWSPAPERS?

BECAUSE I THINK I KNOW **WHO'S** BEHIND THIS AND I WANT TO SMOKE 'EM OUT INTO THE OPEN!

THERE'S THE PHONE!

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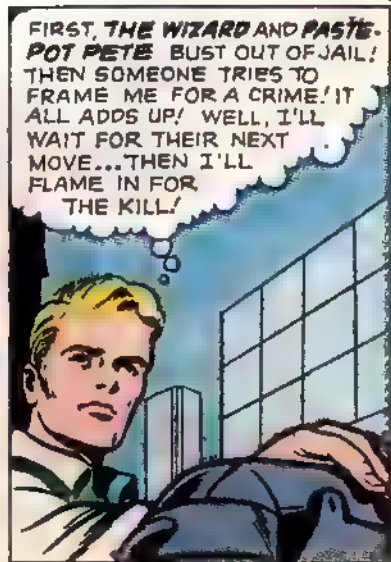
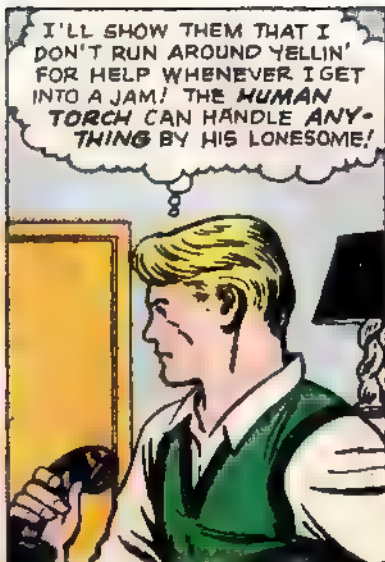


THE CALL IS FROM THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE **FANTASTIC FOUR**, WHO, UNENCUMBERED BY SCHOOL WORK AS IS JOHNNY STORM, ARE WORKING ON AN IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT CASE...

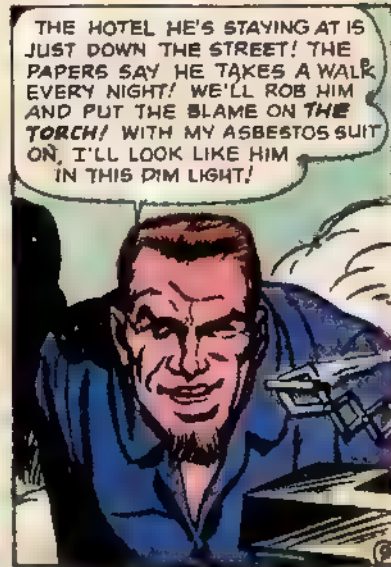
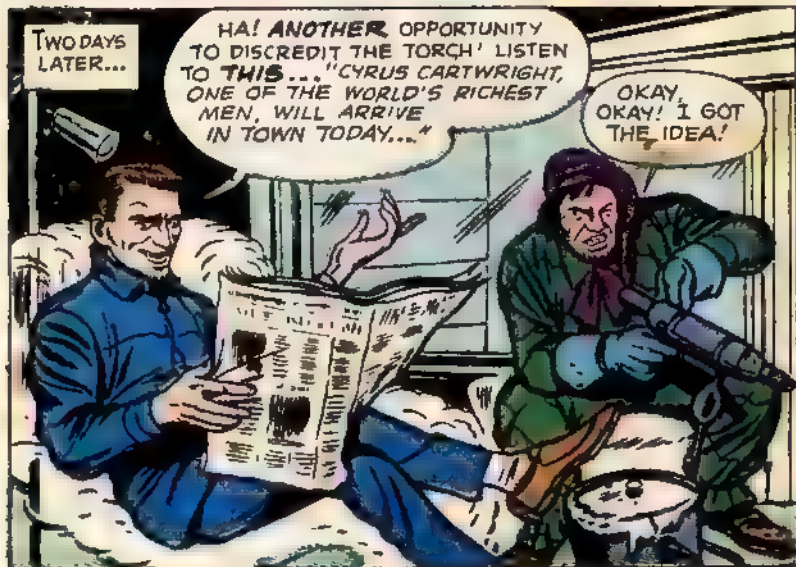
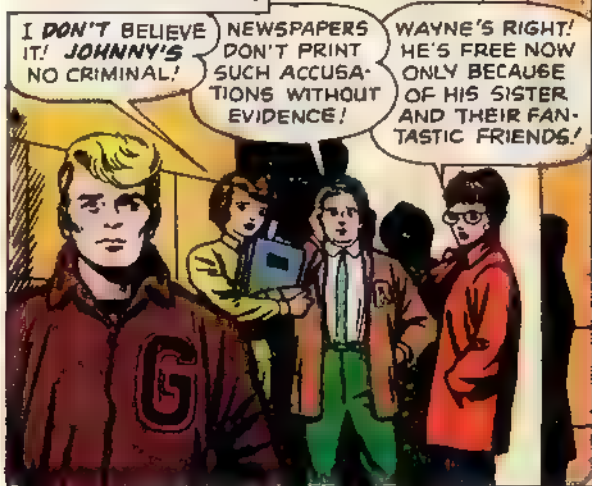
JOHNNY--

... WE READ ALL ABOUT IT IN THE NEWSPAPER!

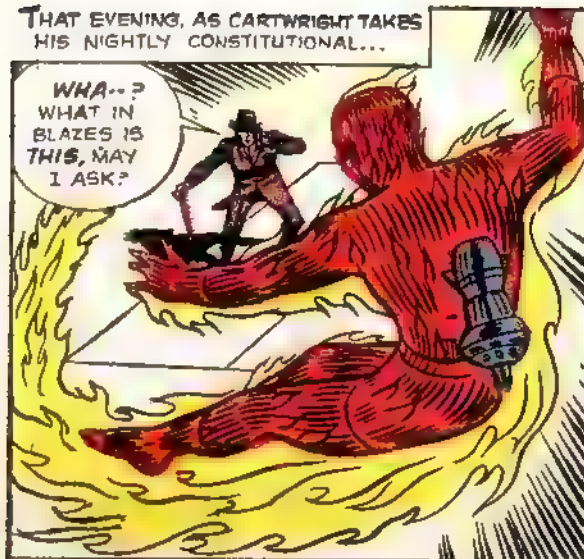
ASK IF HE NEEDS **HELP** REED!



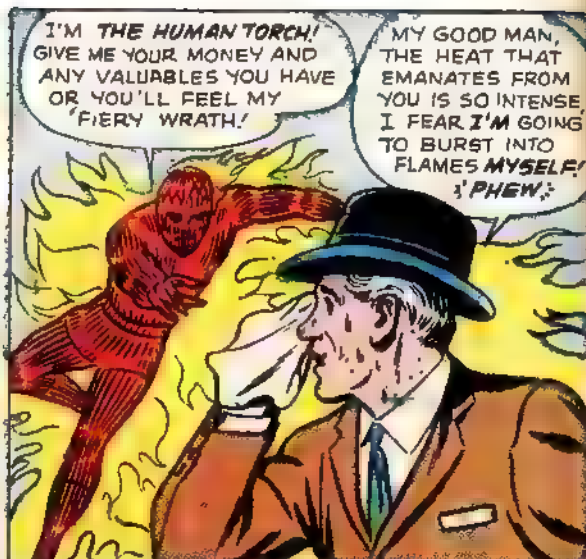
BUT, AS THE DAYS PASS, JOHNNY FINDS HIMSELF SHUNNED BY SOME OF THE KIDS IN SCHOOL. HE OVERHEARS WHISPERED REMARKS AND THINLY-VEILED ACCUSATIONS...



THAT EVENING, AS CARTWRIGHT TAKES HIS NIGHTLY CONSTITUTIONAL...



WHA--?
WHAT IN
BLAZES IS
THIS, MAY
I ASK?



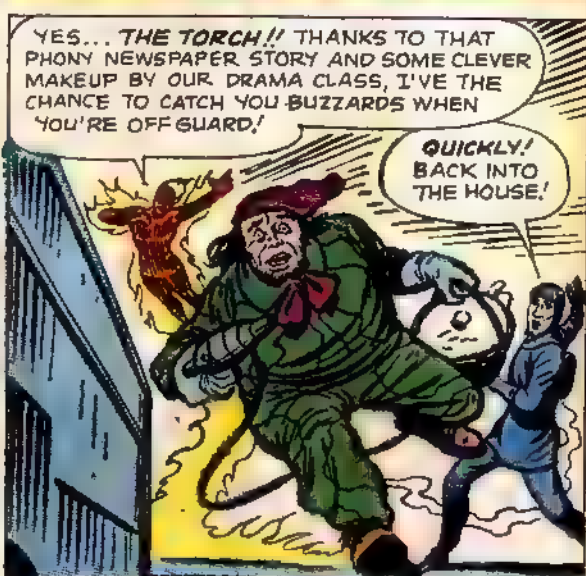
I'M THE HUMAN TORCH!
GIVE ME YOUR MONEY AND
ANY VALUABLES YOU HAVE
OR YOU'LL FEEL MY
'FIERY WRATH!'

MY GOOD MAN,
THE HEAT THAT
EMANATES FROM
YOU IS SO INTENSE,
I FEAR I'M GOING
TO BURST INTO
FLAMES MYSELF!
'PHEW!'



WHAT'S HAPPENING?
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE! HE'S
STARTING TO BLAZE
HIMSELF!

IT'S A
TRICK,
WIZARD! IT--
IT'S...



YES... THE TORCH!! THANKS TO THAT
PHONY NEWSPAPER STORY AND SOME CLEVER
MAKEUP BY OUR DRAMA CLASS, I'VE THE
CHANCE TO CATCH YOU BUZZARDS WHEN
'YOU'RE OFF GUARD!'

QUICKLY!
BACK INTO
THE HOUSE!



THE WIZARD IS NEVER
CAUGHT OFF GUARD, FOOL! YOU
ACTED AS YOUR OWN BAIT TO
FLY INTO OUR TRAP! THIS TIME
YOU WON'T LEAVE ALIVE! SLAM
THE DOOR SHUT, PETE!

I
WAS GOING TO
DO THAT! STOP
GIVING ME
ORDERS!

AS THE TORCH LANDS, A TRAP-
DOOR OPENS BENEATH HIS FEET...



YOU FORGOT, MASTERMIND,
THAT FLAME IS LIGHTER THAN
AIR! TRAPDOORS JUST DON'T
WORK ON ME!

YOU UNDER-
ESTIMATE ME!
THAT TRAPDOOR'S
JUST A CONVENIENCE!



...AN OPENING TO FORCE YOU,
BY COMPRESSED OXYGEN, INTO
THE CHAMBER BELOW, WHICH
I'VE PREPARED FOR YOU!

I--I
CAN'T FIGHT
THE PRESSURE!
IT'S TOO
GREAT!

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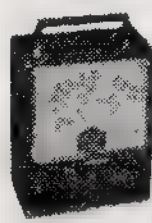
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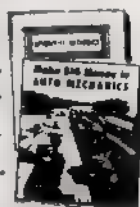
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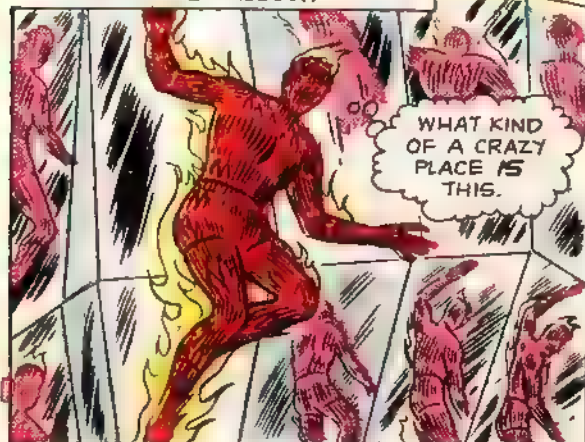
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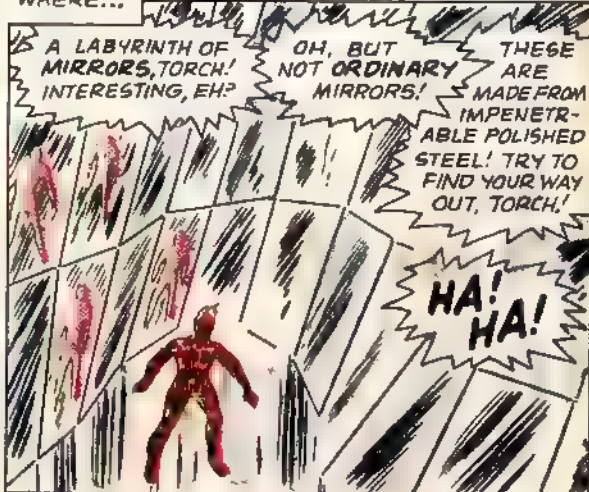


THE TORCH IS FORCED THROUGH THE TRAPDOOR INTO THE FANTASTIC ROOM BELOW... AND HE HEARS THE LID SLAM SHUT BEHIND HIM AS THE PRESSURE EASES...



WHAT KIND OF A CRAZY PLACE IS THIS.

THE WIZARD'S VOICE REVERBERATES MOCKINGLY... SEEMING TO COME FROM EVERYWHERE AND NOWHERE...

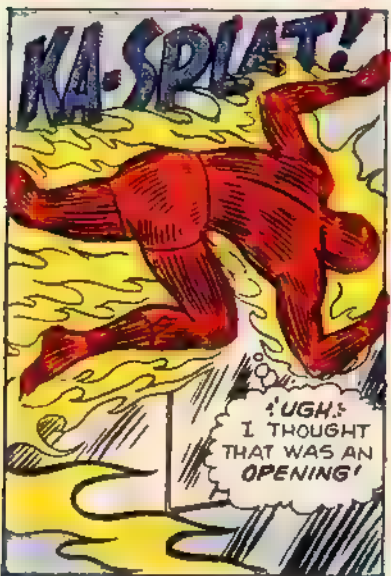


A LABYRINTH OF MIRRORS, TORCH! INTERESTING, EH?

OH, BUT NOT ORDINARY MIRRORS!

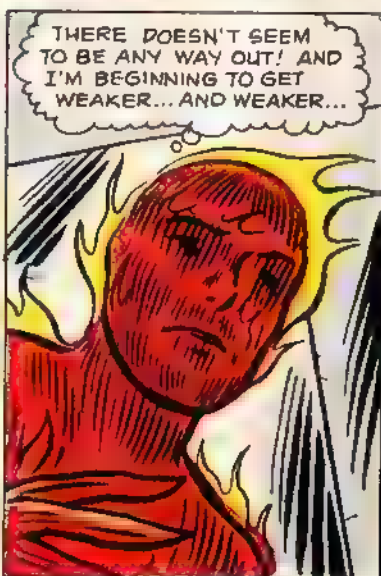
THESE ARE MADE FROM IMPENETRABLE POLISHED STEEL! TRY TO FIND YOUR WAY OUT, TORCH!

HA! HA!

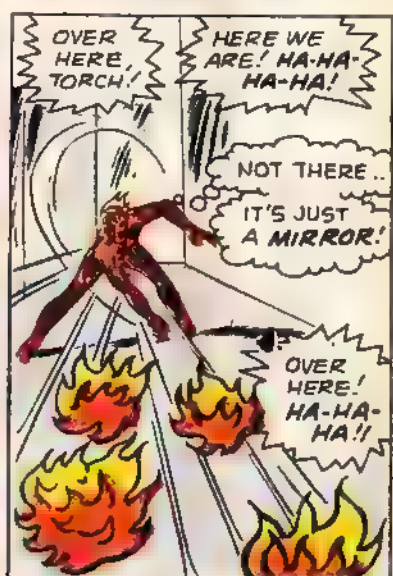


KA-SPLAT!

UGH! I THOUGHT THAT WAS AN OPENING!



THERE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE ANY WAY OUT! AND I'M BEGINNING TO GET WEAKER... AND WEAKER...



OVER HERE, TORCH!

HERE WE ARE! HA-HA-HA!

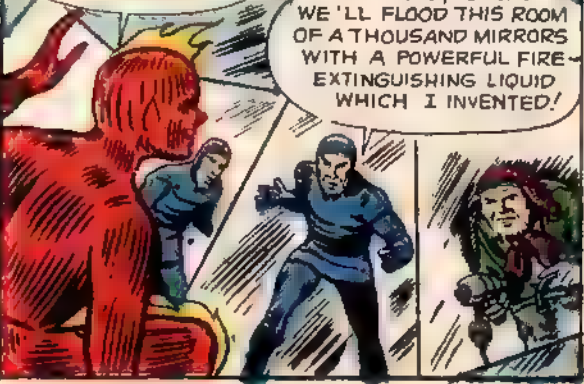
NOT THERE... IT'S JUST A MIRROR!

OVER HERE! HA-HA-HA!!

FRUSTRATED, THE TORCH COMES TO REST ON THE FLOOR...

ALL RIGHT--THE FIRST TRICK IS YOURS! BUT THE GAME ISN'T OVER YET! WHAT'S NEXT!!

WE'LL LEAVE YOU FOR A MOMENT TO SET UP CERTAIN EQUIPMENT... THE FINAL WAY TO DESTROY YOU, TORCH! WE'LL FLOOD THIS ROOM OF A THOUSAND MIRRORS WITH A POWERFUL FIRE-EXTINGUISHING LIQUID WHICH I INVENTED!



IT EVAPORATES OXYGEN!... AND FLAME LIVES ON OXYGEN, AS DOES MAN! DO YOU UNDERSTAND, TORCH? SOON THIS ROOM'LL BE WITHOUT OXYGEN... AND YOU'LL BE WITHOUT FLAME AND WITHOUT LIFE! PASTE HIM TO THE FLOOR, PETE!

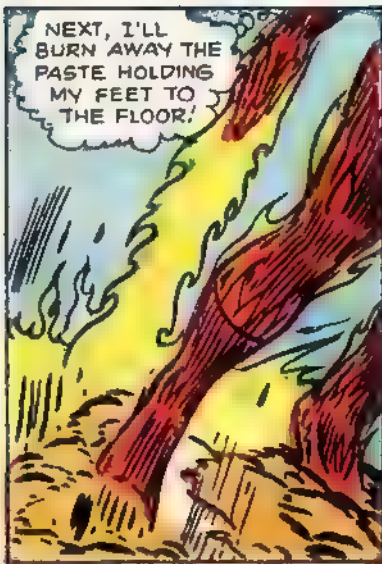
WHAT DO YOU THINK I'M DOIN'??



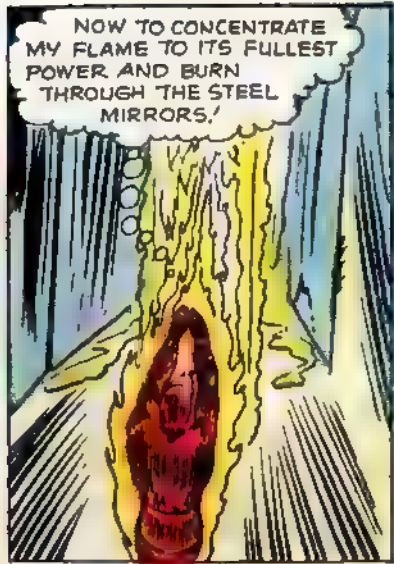
THEY PROBABLY WON'T BOTHER TO WATCH ME WHILE THEY'RE GETTING THEIR INFERNAL MACHINE! I'LL BUILD A MOCK TORCH OF FLAME IN THAT TIME!



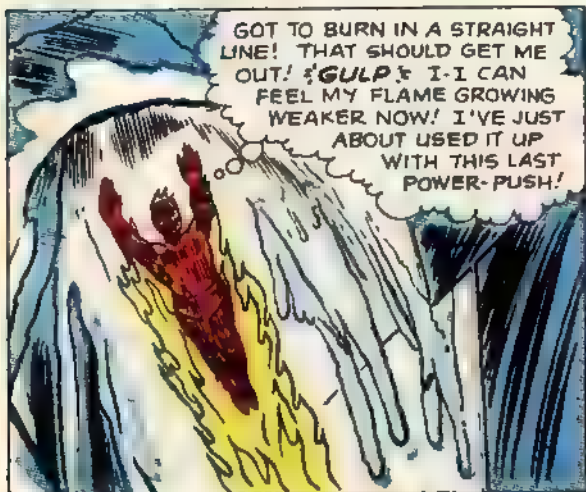
NEXT, I'LL BURN AWAY THE PASTE HOLDING MY FEET TO THE FLOOR!



NOW TO CONCENTRATE MY FLAME TO ITS FULLEST POWER AND BURN THROUGH THE STEEL MIRRORS!



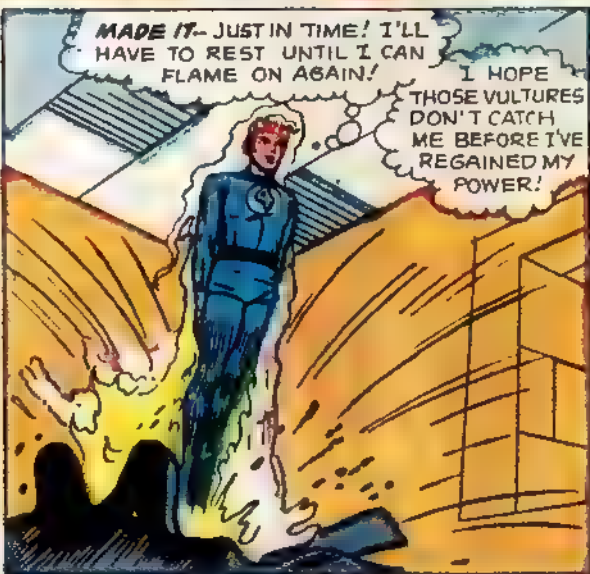
IN A FINAL BURST OF POWER, THE FANTASTIC HUMAN TORCH INCREASES THE HEAT OF HIS FLAME UNTIL IT BECOMES A WHITE-HOT FURY!



GOT TO BURN IN A STRAIGHT LINE! THAT SHOULD GET ME OUT! *GULP* I-I CAN FEEL MY FLAME GROWING WEAKER NOW! I'VE JUST ABOUT USED IT UP WITH THIS LAST POWER-PUSH!

MADE IT—JUST IN TIME! I'LL HAVE TO REST UNTIL I CAN FLAME ON AGAIN!

I HOPE THOSE VULTURES DON'T CATCH ME BEFORE I'VE REGAINED MY POWER!



MEANWHILE, IN THE ROOM ABOVE THE CHAMBER OF MIRRORS...

OPEN THE CONCEALED FLANGE SO I CAN PUT IN THE NOZZLE AND FLOOD THAT ROOM WITH OXYGEN-EATING LIQUID AND GAS!

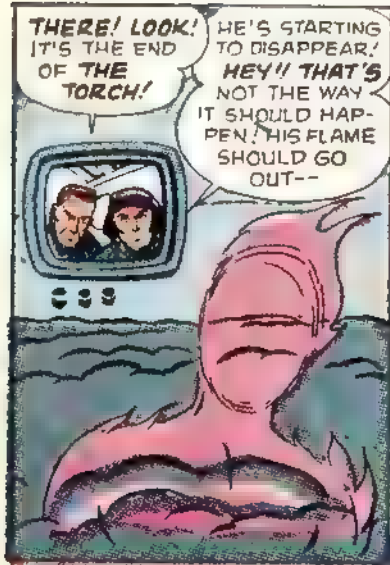


DO YOU ALWAYS HAVE TO MAKE A SPEECH WHEN YOU DO SOMETHING?

I SHALL IGNORE THAT REMARK! NOW TO WATCH THE END OF THE TORCH FROM THE OTHER ROOM! COME, PETE!

"COME, PETE!" *BAH!!* SOUNDS LIKE YOU'RE CALLING A DOG!



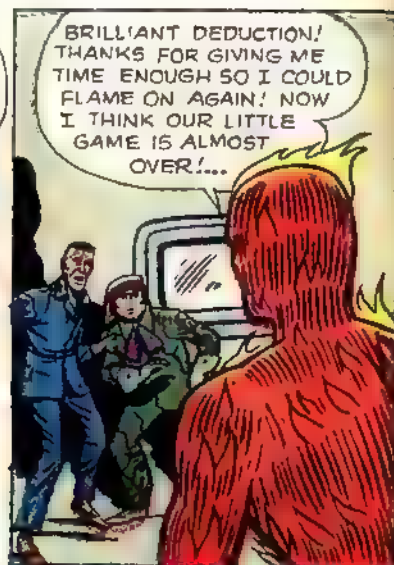


HE'S STARTING TO DISAPPEAR! HEY!! THAT'S NOT THE WAY IT SHOULD HAPPEN! HIS FLAME SHOULD GO OUT--



WE'VE BEEN DUPED!! THAT'S NOT THE TORCH! IT'S A FLAMING FACSIMILE!

THERE'S A HOLE IN THE MIRRORS! HE BURNED HIS WAY OUT!



BRILLIANT DEDUCTION! THANKS FOR GIVING ME TIME ENOUGH SO I COULD FLAME ON AGAIN! NOW I THINK OUR LITTLE GAME IS ALMOST OVER!...



DO SOMETHING, PETE? DO I HAVE TO DO EVERYTHING?

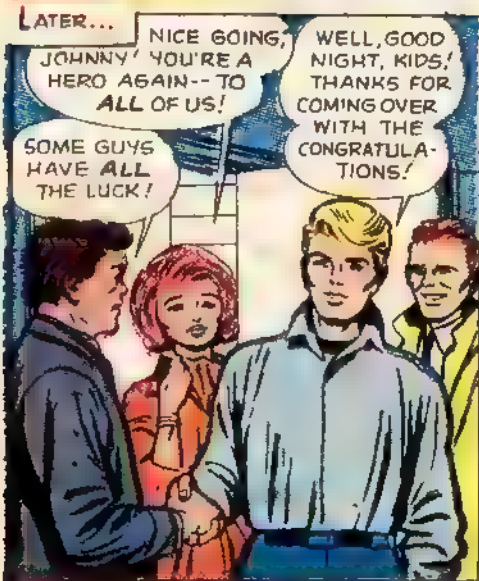
NOW YOU ASK ME? BOY, DID I MAKE A MISTAKE THROWING IN WITH YOU! I SHOULD'VE DONE IT ALONE! BIG BRAIN -- THE WIZARD -- PHOOEY!



THERE THEY ARE, GENTLEMEN! AND THE STOLEN FORMULA IS ON THE DESK!

YOU'LL NEVER KEEP US IN JAIL! WE'LL GET YOU YET, TORCH, IF IT'S THE LAST THING WE DO!

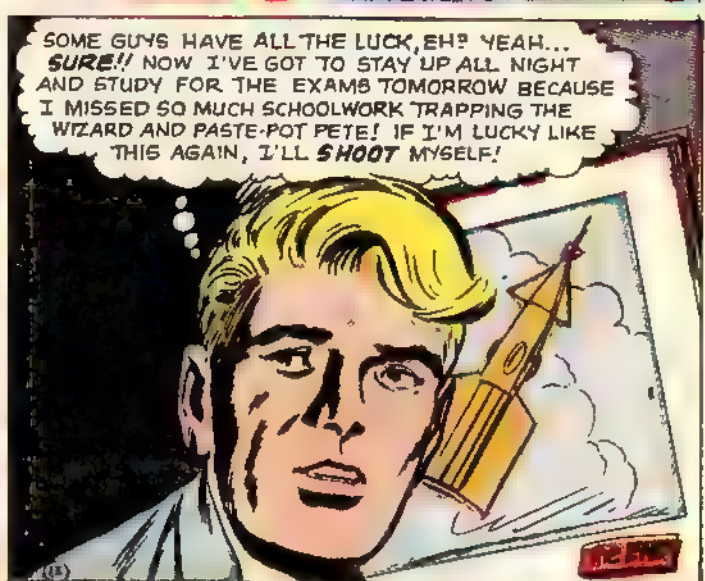
FOR ONCE I AGREE WITH HIM!



NICE GOING, JOHNNY! YOU'RE A HERO AGAIN-- TO ALL OF US!

WELL, GOOD NIGHT, KIDS! THANKS FOR COMING OVER WITH THE CONGRATULATIONS!

SOME GUYS HAVE ALL THE LUCK!



SOME GUYS HAVE ALL THE LUCK, EH? YEAH... SURE!! NOW I'VE GOT TO STAY UP ALL NIGHT AND STUDY FOR THE EXAMS TOMORROW BECAUSE I MISSED SO MUCH SCHOOLWORK TRAPPING THE WIZARD AND PASTE-POT PETE! IF I'M LUCKY LIKE THIS AGAIN, I'LL SHOOT MYSELF!

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WE SEARCH THE STARS!

BEHOLD THE FUTURE! AN AGE OF SPACE EXPLORATION! AN ERA OF GLORIOUS ACHIEVEMENTS BY PROUD AND CONFIDENT MEN, SUCH AS SIR EDWARD RAMSAY, THE BRILLIANT ASTRONOMER...

FOR MONTHS I'VE STUDIED ALL THE EVIDENCE, AND I'M CERTAIN THAT MY THEORY IS CORRECT... OUR GALAXY IS INHABITED BY TWO OTHER HUMAN-LIKE RACES!

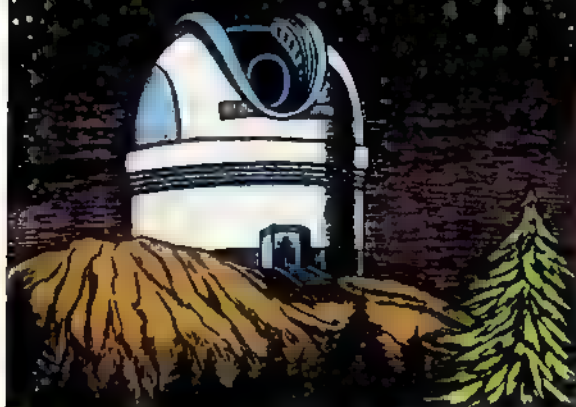
ONE IS A BRAINLESS RACE, NOT WORTH BOTHERING ABOUT! BUT THE OTHER HUMAN-LIKE CREATURES ARE BRILLIANT!

AND NOW, OUR JOB WILL BE TO CONTACT THOSE SUPERIOR BEINGS, FOR THERE MUST BE MUCH THEY CAN TEACH US!



PLOT.....STAN LEE
SCRIPT } LARRY
& ART } LIEBER
INKING.....MATT FOX
LETTERING..ART SIMEK

AND FIND THEM WE **SHALL!** MANKIND HAS NEVER FAILED BEFORE, AND WE SHALL NOT FAIL NOW!



ALL OF EARTH SHARES THE FAMOUS ASTRONOMER'S EXCITEMENT AS HE ANNOUNCES HIS MOMENTOUS DISCOVERY!

IF SIR RAMSAY SAYS TWO OTHER RACES EXIST, THEY **MUST** EXIST! HE'S NEVER BEEN WRONG!

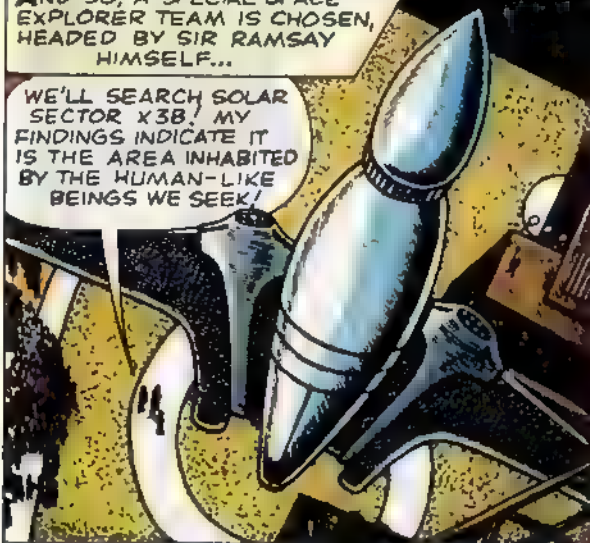
WE MUST ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH THE SUPERIOR BEINGS!

THEY MIGHT TELL US HOW TO LIVE IN PEACE-- HOW TO CONQUER DISEASE-- IT COULD BE THE START OF A NEW GOLDEN AGE!



AND SO, A SPECIAL SPACE EXPLORER TEAM IS CHOSEN, HEADED BY SIR RAMSAY HIMSELF...

WE'LL SEARCH SOLAR SECTOR X3B. MY FINDINGS INDICATE IT IS THE AREA INHABITED BY THE HUMAN-LIKE BEINGS WE SEEK!

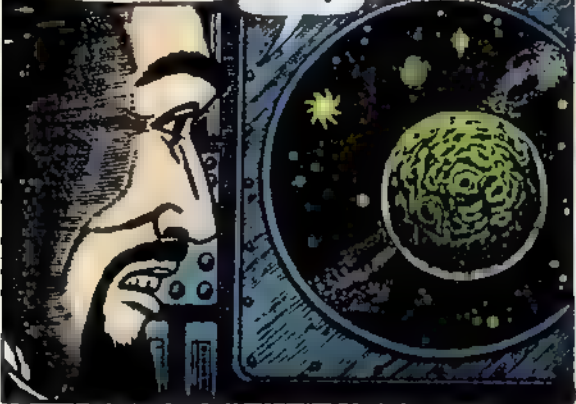


THERE THEY GO... EMBARKING ON A GLORIOUS VENTURE!

WHEN THEY RETURN, FAME AND FORTUNE WILL BE THEIRS!

THROUGH THE STARRY REACHES, THE SPACE-SHIP SOARS, UNTIL IT FINALLY ENTERS SECTOR X3B...

OUR INSTRUMENTS READ THAT PLANET AS HAVING ENOUGH WATER AND OXYGEN TO SUPPORT HUMAN BEINGS! PREPARE TO LAND!



BUT, WHEN THEY SET DOWN ON THE ALIEN WORLD...

THERE'S ONLY PLANT LIFE AS FAR AS WE CAN SEE!

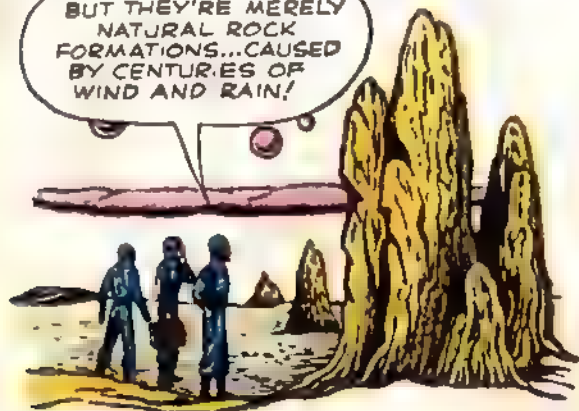
NOT A SIGN OF ANY INTELLIGENT BEINGS!



LEAVING THE UNINHABITED PLANET, THE EARTHMEN JOURNEY TO OTHER SPINNING GLOBES OF THE SOLAR SECTOR, BUT THERE TOO...

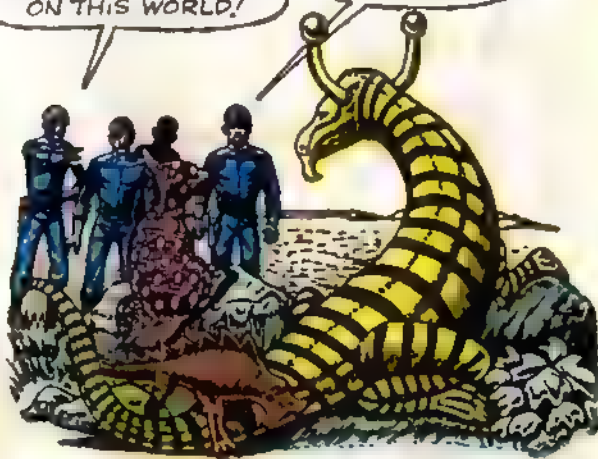
FROM THE AIR, THEY APPEARED LIKE MAN-MADE STATUES!

BUT THEY'RE MERELY NATURAL ROCK FORMATIONS...CAUSED BY CENTURES OF WIND AND RAIN!



PLENTY OF ANIMALS ON THIS WORLD!

BUT STILL NO HUMANS!



THE QUEST CONTINUES, WITH EACH FAILURE MAKING IT SEEM MORE AND MORE HOPELESS...

THIS PLANET IS A DUD, TOO!

LOOKS LIKE YOUR THEORY IS *WRONG*, SIR RAMSAY! THERE AREN'T ANY OTHER HUMAN RACES IN OUR GALAXY!

IT CAN'T BE! I WAS SO CERTAIN!! AND YET...



FACE IT! YOU'VE MADE A MISTAKE, SIR RAMSAY!

YEAH! THIS WHOLE EXPEDITION IS JUST A WILD GOOSE CHASE!

LET'S HEAD BACK TO EARTH!



BUT SUDDENLY, ONE OF THE MEN CHANCES TO TURN AROUND, AND...

HOLY COW! LOOK!!



HUMANS!! I WAS RIGHT!

BUT THEY'RE NOT SUPERIOR BEINGS! THEY'RE JUST PRIMITIVE, HOSTILE BRUTES!



OF COURSE! I CLAIMED THAT THERE ARE TWO OTHER RACES IN THE GALAXY! THIS IS THE *INFERIOR* ONE! A SAVAGE SPECIES MUCH LIKE OUR ANCIENT CAVE MEN!

HEY! THEY'RE COMING CLOSER!



BUT, TO THE EARTHMEN'S UTTER AMAZEMENT...

I-I DON'T UNDERSTAND! MY ELECTRO-GUN WON'T FIRE!



THEY'RE ALL AROUND US! THEY'RE GONNA ATTACK!

DON'T WORRY! WE'RE WELL ARMED! A FEW RAY BLASTS WILL FRIGHTEN THESE IGNORANT CREATURES AWAY!



NEITHER WILL MINE!

NONE OF OUR GUNS WORK!

AND THE SAVAGES ARE COMING CLOSER!



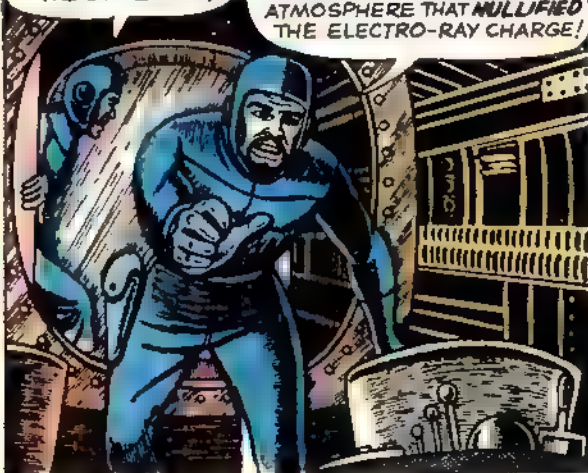
WE DON'T STAND A CHANCE AGAINST THEM!

HURRY--BACK TO THE SHIP!!



WHEW! WE MADE IT! NOW LET'S CUT OUT OF HERE, WHILE WE STILL CAN!

BUT... WHY DIDN'T THE GUNS WORK?? IT'S POSSIBLE THAT THERE'S SOME UNKNOWN ELEMENT IN THE ATMOSPHERE THAT NULLIFIED THE ELECTRO-RAY CHARGE!



WELL, FINDING THOSE SAVAGES PROVES THAT MY THEORY IS RIGHT! THERE ARE OTHER HUMAN RACES IN THE GALAXY BESIDES OUR OWN!



YEAH, IT WAS JUST OUR BAD LUCK TO STUMBLE INTO THE **WRONG ONE!**

BUT WE WON'T GIVE UP! WE'LL KEEP SCOURING THE SECTOR UNTIL WE FIND THE SUPER-INTELLIGENT BEINGS!



AND, AS THE EARTHMEN CONTINUE THEIR SEARCH, WE WONDER IF THEY WILL **EVER** LEARN THE TRUTH? EVER LEARN THAT THE SAVAGE-LOOKING ALIENS THEY ENCOUNTERED WERE REALLY **FRIENDLY** BEINGS, WHO, WHEN THEY SAW GUNS TRAINED ON THEM, USED THEIR **ADVANCED MENTAL POWERS** TO RENDER THE WEAPONS HARMLESS.



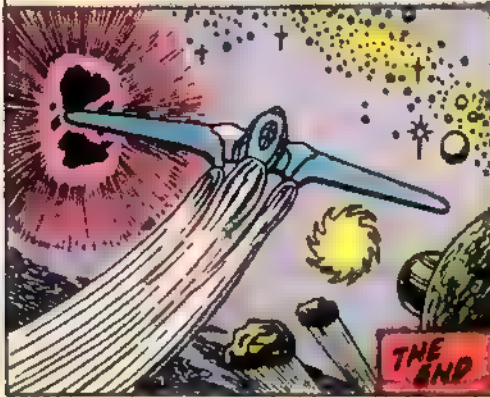
FOR THESE PRIMITIVE-LOOKING PEOPLE ARE, IN TRUTH, THE MOST HIGHLY-DEVELOPED HUMANS IN THE ENTIRE GALAXY! THEY CAN ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING -- BY SHEER **BRAIN POWER!**

THE EARTHINGS DEPART!

IT IS WELL! THEY WERE NOT INTELLIGENT ENOUGH TO READ OUR THOUGHTS!



AND PERHAPS, SOME DAY, THE SUPER-HUMANS WILL TEACH SIR EDWARD RAMSAY AND THE REST OF A TOO-PROUD AND OVER-CONFIDENT MANKIND, NOT TO JUDGE BY **APPEARANCES!** THEN PERHAPS WE SHALL AT LAST EXCHANGE SOME OF OUR **CONCEIT**, FOR THE BEGINNING OF **TRUE WISDOM!**



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care!"

"I'll see him when he comes in tomorrow," Mike said thoughtfully.

The next day was extremely hot. The summer sun baked in to the roof of the work building, and there wasn't a breeze stirring.

At the work bench, the fellows complained about the heat. When Hank showed up for work, all eyes focused on him.

He was dressed in his heavy workclothes, yet he looked cool and unruffled!

"I sure hate to see all you fellows suffering with the heat," Hank said sympathetically. "I brought in some air-conditioning pills if anyone wants to try them."

"What are air-conditioning pills?" asked Tom.

"Oh, we use them back home all the time. You see, the extremes of heat and cold where I live are much more severe than they are on your planet. So we take these pills which equalize our skin temperatures to the weather. That way we're never uncomfortable. It can never be too hot or too cold. Here . . . try one."

He threw Tom a small yellow pill. Tom looked at it hesitantly. Hank passed out pills to everyone, but no one made a move to try them.

"Don't you fellows believe me?" asked Hank in amazement. "Why, here on the bottle is the prescription from the Asteroid Pharmacy . . . one of the most reputable stores in my former neighborhood."

"Take it easy, Hank," said Tom seriously. "We all think you're a pretty nice guy. Now, maybe you've been working too hard, and that accounts for it. But the things you've told us . . .

well, let's say we think your imagination is sort of working overtime."

"You mean to say you don't believe anything I've told you?" Hank asked sadly. "Well, maybe it's all my fault. At first I thought I'd try keeping to myself so that I wouldn't get involved with an explanation about my background. But I might have known what would happen. I'm a pretty honest guy, and I just can't tell anything but the truth. I tried to do it gradually so that it



wouldn't shock you. But I've failed. I can see that in all your faces now. You feel sorry for poor Hank, but you don't believe him.

"I guess I better leave the job and go someplace else. Maybe I'll try my hand at sea navigation. They don't know much about that profession back home. We have astronauts . . . 'star sailors', but no one knows much about water travel. I'll see what I can do about getting earth experience in this field. My people are much interested in your strange world. My adjustment meter will help me on the new job. So long,

fellows."

Everyone was too stunned to say anything or to stop Hank from leaving. A few minutes later Mike, the foreman, came into the shop.

"Say, I want to thank whichever one of you left that salt tablet on my desk. I've taken them for hot days before, but this one is remarkable. I feel cool as a cucumber! Golly, someone left a whole bottle of them here. Haven't you fellows tried them yet? They're marvelous!"

One by one the men helped themselves to the tablets. And the results were fantastic! They felt as cool and energetic as could be!

"He was right!" Tom exclaimed in amazement. "He was telling the truth about the tablets! Is it possible those other stories of his had any truth to them?"

Mike listened to what had happened and shook his head.

"I'm sorry he had to leave. I guess it's just as well though. Probably the tablets are just an ordinary doctor's prescription Hank got hold of. I'm going to send them to the chemists for a detailed analysis."

But when the report came, back from the laboratory, each man thought twice about Hank's story. The chemical analysis of the pill revealed a substance that the laboratory could only identify as "electronic type synthetic . . . never seen before!"

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NO! NO!! GO AWAY! PLEASE-- PLEASE GO AWAY!

IT'S NO USE! I CAN'T SLEEP! I DARE NOT SLEEP! IT'S THAT SAME DREAM! EVERY NIGHT THE SAME! BUT WHY? WHAT CAN IT MEAN?

I CAN'T FIGHT IT ALONE! I NEED HELP! I'VE HEARD A NAME--- SPOKEN IN WHISPERS--- DR. STRANGE! HE DABBLES IN BLACK MAGIC! PERHAPS HE CAN HELP ME!

THE NEXT MORNING, ON A QUIET SIDE STREET IN NEW YORK'S COLORFUL GREENWICH VILLAGE...

I'M HERE TO SEE DR. STRANGE! HE DOESN'T KNOW ME, BUT...

DOCTOR STRANGE KNOWS ALL! ENTER!



SUDDENLY, A TALL, BROODING FIGURE APPEARS, WEARING A STRIKING AMULET AT HIS THROAT! THE COLD GREY EYES OF DR. STRANGE SEEM TO PIERCE THE MIST OF THE ROOM LIKE A KNIFE!

I-I HAD TO COME! I'M IN TROUBLE!

NATURALLY! ALL WHO COME TO ME ARE! SPEAK...



IT'S MY DREAMS! EVERY NIGHT I HAVE THE SAME DREAM--OVER AND OVER!! IT'S TERRIBLE! I CAN'T STAND IT!

CONTINUE...



IT'S ALWAYS THE SAME! A HAUNTING FIGURE, BOUND IN CHAINS APPEARS... IT STARES AT ME! IT NEVER STOPS! NEVER!

ENOUGH!



TONIGHT I SHALL VISIT YOU! I SHALL FIND THE ANSWER TO YOUR DREAM! NOW GO!

BUT HOW?? HOW WILL YOU DO IT?



...BY ENTERING YOUR DREAM!!!

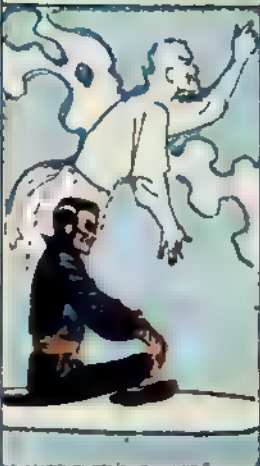


LATER, ALONE IN HIS ROOM, DR. STRANGE SITS SILENTLY IN FRONT OF AN ANCIENT INCENSE BURNER, AS HIS PHYSICAL BODY GOES INTO AN EERIE TRANCE...

IT IS TIME FOR ME TO VISIT THE MASTER, FROM WHOM ALL MY POWERS STEM...



LIKE A FLEETING GHOST, HIS METAPHYSICAL SPIRIT LEAVES HIS MOTIONLESS BODY AND DRIFTS AWAY...

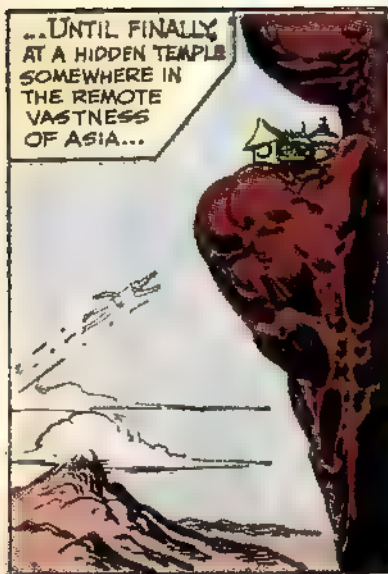


...BEING WITHOUT FORM OR SUBSTANCE, NOTHING CAN IMPEDE ITS FLIGHT! IT DRIFTS EFFORTLESSLY THRU THE BUILDING WALL...

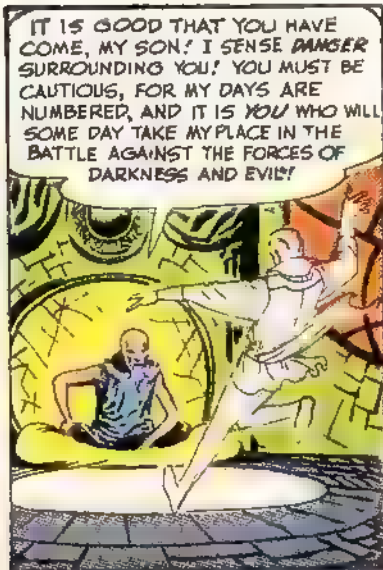


...HIGH INTO THE SKY... ACROSS THE VAST OCEAN... ACROSS THE CONTINENTS... CONQUERING ALL OF TIME AND SPACE IN ITS SILENT FLIGHT...





...UNTIL FINALLY
AT A HIDDEN TEMPLE
SOMEWHERE IN
THE REMOTE
VASTNESS
OF ASIA...



IT IS GOOD THAT YOU HAVE
COME, MY SON! I SENSE DANGER
SURROUNDING YOU! YOU MUST BE
CAUTIOUS, FOR MY DAYS ARE
NUMBERED, AND IT IS YOU WHO WILL
SOME DAY TAKE MY PLACE IN THE
BATTLE AGAINST THE FORCES OF
DARKNESS AND EVIL!



I SHALL HEED YOUR WORDS, RESPECT-
ED MASTER! I SHALL TRY TO PROVE
WORTHY OF YOUR TRUST IN ME!

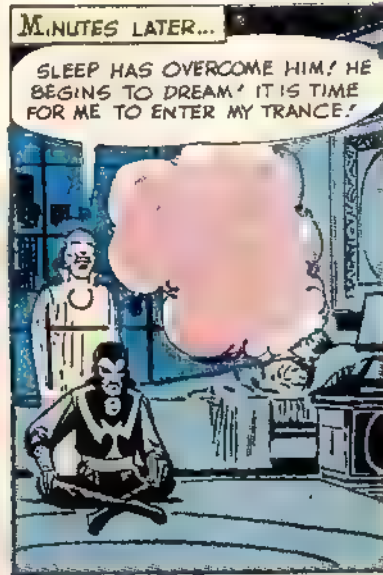
SO BE IT! NOW GO, FOR
I AM WEARY! BUT MARK
YOU WELL--SHOULD
DANGER THREATEN,
DEPEND UPON YOUR
MAGIC AMULET!



THAT NIGHT, THOUSANDS OF MILES
TO THE WEST, DR. STRANGE, IN HIS
MORTAL FORM AGAIN, VISITS THE
MAN WHO HAS SOUGHT HIS HELP!

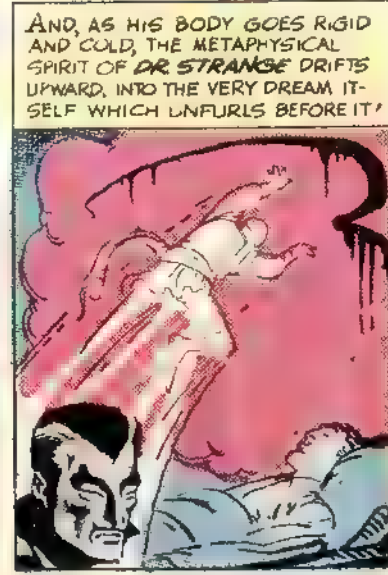
YOU MUST SLEEP
NOW--AND HAVE
NO FEAR! I
SHALL BE
NEARBY!

I DON'T KNOW
WHAT THERE IS
ABOUT YOU, BUT
IT GIVES A MAN
A FEELING OF--
CONFIDENCE!



M.I.NUTES LATER...

SLEEP HAS OVERCOME HIM! HE
BEGINS TO DREAM! IT IS TIME
FOR ME TO ENTER MY TRANCE!



AND, AS HIS BODY GOES RIGID
AND COLD, THE METAPHYSICAL
SPIRIT OF DR. STRANGE DRIFTS
UPWARD, INTO THE VERY DREAM IT-
SELF WHICH UNFURLS BEFORE IT!



IT IS DESOLATE HERE--LONELY
AND FORBODING! WAIT! SOMEONE
BEGINS TO APPEAR!



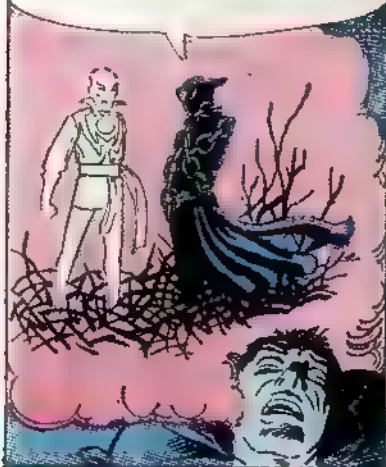
NO! NO!!
STAY AWAY!
PLEASE--
STAY AWAY!



YOU! WHOEVER--
WHATEVER YOU
ARE--WHY DO
YOU TORMENT
HIM SO??

HE WELL
KNOWS THE
REASON
WHY!

I AM THE SYMBOL OF EVIL! THE EVIL HE HAS DONE! THAT IS WHY I AM CHAINED SO! IF YOU DO NOT BELIEVE--ASK MR CRANG!



SUDDENLY, ANOTHER FORM APPEARS--FAR MORE MENACING THAN THE FIRST!

SO! IT IS DR STRANGE! YOU HAVE ENTERED THE DIMENSION OF DREAMS FOR THE LAST TIME! NEVER AGAIN SHALL YOU THWART ME!



NIGHTMARE---
MY ANCIENT
FOE!

YOU KNOW THE RULES OF SORCERY, DR. STRANGE! THOSE WHO ENTER A HOSTILE DIMENSION MUST BE PREPARED TO PAY FOR IT--WITH THEIR LIVES!

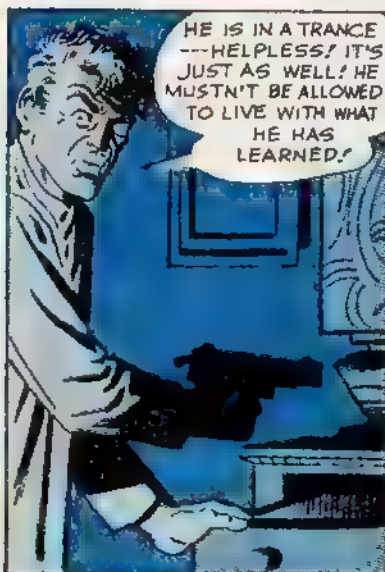


MEANWHILE, IN THE SEMI-DARK BEDROOM, THE SLEEPER AWAKES!

HE MENTIONED MR CRANG! SO THAT'S WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT! THERE'S DR STRANGE! HE MUST HAVE HEARD IT ALL!



HE IS IN A TRANCE---HELPLESS! IT'S JUST AS WELL! HE MUSTN'T BE ALLOWED TO LIVE WITH WHAT HE HAS LEARNED!



BEHOLD, DR. STRANGE-- YOU MAY WITNESS YOUR OWN DESTRUCTION! YOUR MORTAL BODY IS UNPROTECTED---ITS LIFE IS ABOUT TO BE SNUFFED OUT!



NOTHING CAN SAVE YOU NOW!

THERE IS YET ONE WHO CAN! MASTER! HEAR ME! I NEED THEE, MASTER!!

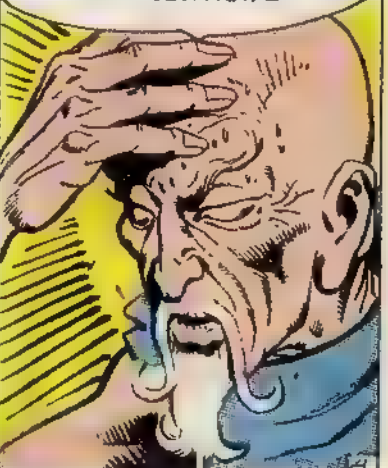


AND, ACROSS THE LIMITLESS VOID OF TIME AND SPACE, TWO ANCIENT EARS HEAR THE DESPERATE CRY OF DR. STRANGE!



HE CALLS!

THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY TO HELP HIM---THRU THE ENCHANTED AMULET! I MUST CONCENTRATE---
---CONCENTRATE---



AND, HALFWAY ACROSS THE WORLD, THE MYSTERIOUS GOLD AMULET ON DR. STRANGE'S CHEST BEGINS TO GLOW-----
BRIGHTER, EVER BRIGHTER...



...UNTIL IT SLOWLY OPENS, REVEALING A FANTASTIC METAL EYE WITHIN...



AN EYE SUCH AS NO MORTAL HAS EVER BEHELD ... SUCH AS NO MORTAL WOULD EVER WANT TO BEHOLD AGAIN!



AND SUDDENLY, FROM THAT UNBLINKING ORB, A BLINDING HYPNOTIC RAY SHOOT'S OUT, FREEZING THE AMAZED HUMAN TO THE SPOT, AS HIS LIMBS GROW STRANGELY RIGID!



AND, IN THAT SPLIT-SECOND, TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE SUDDEN INTERRUPTION, DR. STRANGE DARTS PAST HIS ENEMY IN THE DREAM DIMENSION...



I MADE IT! I'M SAFE IN MY OWN DIMENSION!

YOU'VE ELUDED ME THIS TIME, BUT I'LL GET YOU YET!



AND, AS THE AWESOME AMULET LOSES ITS BLINDING RADIANCE, THE METAPHYSICAL SPIRIT OF DR. STRANGE ONCE AGAIN ENTERS HIS EARTHLY BODY!



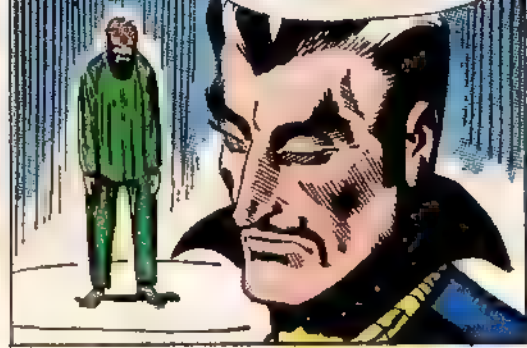
I SHALL RELIEVE YOU OF BOTH YOUR WEAPON, AND YOUR HYPNOTIC SPELL! NOW SPEAK--AND SPEAK ONLY THE TRUTH, I COMMAND YOU!

IT'S OVER! YOU'RE STILL ALIVE! THAT MEANS I'VE LOST!



I WAS A FOOL TO COME TO YOU--I DIDN'T SUSPECT MY DREAMS WERE CAUSED BY THE MANY MEN I'D RUINED IN BUSINESS! CRANG WAS THE LAST OF THEM! I ROBBED HIM--BUT HE COULDN'T PROVE IT! NOW--NOW, I'LL CONFESS...

IT WILL BE THE ONLY WAY YOU CAN EVER SLEEP AGAIN!



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EXPLORE THE MYSTIC WORLD OF BLACK MAGIC ONCE AGAIN WITH DOCTOR STRANGE AS YOUR GUIDE!



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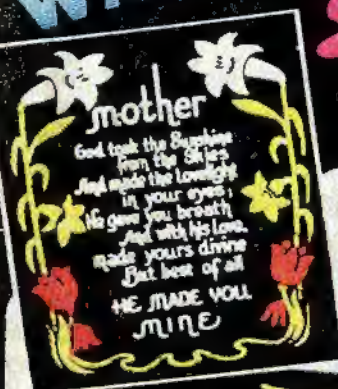
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